

APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Changes to the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7:

Cross reference is made to co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/217,224~~xxx,xxx~~, (~~Attorney docket No. D/98579~~) entitled "System For Electronic Compensation of Beam Scan Trajectory Distortion" by Loce et al.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been cancelled. A new claim 21 has been added. Claims 2, 6, 8 and 10 have been amended as follows:

2. A method for compacting a diffuse gray edge, comprising the steps of:

~~The method according to claim 1~~

identifying an observation window within continuous tone image data, said

observation window including a target pixel;

determining if said target pixel is within a diffuse horizontal edge; and

compacting horizontal features within said observation window, wherein

said step of compacting horizontal features comprises:

~~determining if said target pixel is within a diffuse horizontal edge;~~

shifting gray from a first pixel (A) that is not adjacent to a saturated

pixel to a second pixel (B) that is adjacent to a saturated pixel; and

updating a pixel value in response to said shifting step.